

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Pat D. O'Donnell

Serial No.: 10/701,253

Filed: November 4, 2003

Group Art Unit: 3735

Before the Examiner: Hopkins, Christine D.

Title: SURGICAL INSTRUMENT FOR TREATING FEMALE  
URINARY STRESS INCONTINENCE

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of October 17, 2006, having a one-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on November 17, 2006, the Applicant hereby responds as follows:

The Examiner has required a restriction to one of the following species:

I. Species I (Claims 1-8 and 18-19), directed towards treating female urinary stress incontinence via a suprapubic route (col. 23, lines 6-21 and col. 24, lines 1-5);

II. Species II (Claims 9-17 and 20-21), directed towards treating female urinary stress incontinence via a transvaginal route (col. 21, lines 20-22 and col. 22, lines 1-22).

Applicant elects Species I (claims 1-8 and 18-19) without traverse.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner call Applicant's attorney at the below listed number if the Examiner believes that such a discussion would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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